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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/Tariffs/combined/tt122497.pdf](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/Tariffs/combined/tt122497.pdf)

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## TEXTS

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PEGASUS CABLE TELEVISION. Granted petition for reconsideration of the certification of the Puerto Rico Telecommunications Regulatory Board to regulate basic cable rates filed by Pegasus Cable Television. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: December 23, 1997. by MO&O. (DA No. 97-2689). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1997/da972689.txt>

TCI CABLEVISION OF WESTERN MICHIGAN, INC. Granted complaints filed against the cable programming service tier rates charged by TCI Cablevision of Western Michigan, Inc. in Kentwood and Gaines, MI, beginning June 1, 1997, and ordered TCI Cablevision of Western Michigan, Inc. to pay refunds to subscribers. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: December 23, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-2703). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1997/da972703.txt>

TCI CABLEVISION OF WESTERN MICHIGAN, INC. Granted complaints filed against the cable programming service tier rates charged by TCI Cablevision of Western Michigan, Inc. in East Grand Rapids and Cascade, MI, beginning June 1, 1997, and ordered TCI Cablevision of Western Michigan, Inc. to pay refunds to subscribers. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: December 23, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-2704). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1997/da972704.txt>

TCI COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A TCI OF CENTRAL IOWA, INC. Granted complaint filed against the cable programming service tier rate charged by TCI Communications, Inc. d/b/a TCI of Central Iowa, Inc. in Des Moines, IA, beginning June 1, 1997, and ordered TCI Communications, Inc. d/b/a TCI of Central Iowa, Inc. to pay refunds to subscribers. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: December 23, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-2705). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1997/da972705.txt>

TCI CABLEVISION OF FLORIDA D/B/A MIAMI TELE-COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Granted complaint filed against the cable programming service tier rate charged by TCI Cablevision of Florida d/b/a Miami Tele-Communications, Inc. in Miami, FL beginning June 1, 1997, and ordered TCI Cablevision of Florida d/b/a Miami Tele-Communications, Inc. to pay refunds to subscribers. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: December 23, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-2702). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1997/da972702.txt>

VOYAGER NETWORKS, INC. Granted Voyager Networks, Inc.'s application to transfer control of Voyager to GlobalCenter, Inc. and authorized transfer of control of Voyager to GlobalCenter. Action by Chief, Telecommunications Division. Adopted: December 23, 1997. by MO&O and Auth. (DA No. 97-2697). IB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1997/da972697.txt>

PACIFIC DIGI-TEL CORPORATION. Granted application of Pacific Digi-Tel Corporation and World Digital, Inc. requesting authority to assign the Section 214 authorizations of Pacific Digi-Tel to World Digital. Action by Chief, Telecommunications Division. Adopted: December 23, 1997. by MO&O and Auth. (DA No. 97-2696). IB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1997/da972696.txt>

USFI, INC., TELEPASSPORT, L.L.C. Granted application of USFI, Inc. (USFI) and Primus Telecommunications Group, Inc. (Primus) to transfer control of TelePassport, L.L.C., a subsidiary of USFI, to Primus, and to assign the Section 214 authorizations of USFI to Primus. Action by Chief, Telecommunications Division. Adopted: December 23, 1997. by MO&O and Auth. (DA No. 97-2694). IB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1997/da972694.txt>

LONG DISTANCE TELECOM, INC. D/B/A BLUE RIDGE TELEPHONE, EASTERN TELECOM INTERNATIONAL CORP., NATIONAL TELESERVICE, INC., UNITED WATS, INC. Granted joint application of Network Long Distance, Inc., Long Distance Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Blue Ridge Telephone (BRT), Eastern Telecom International Corporation (Eastern), National Teleservice, Inc. (NTI), and United Wats, Inc. (UWI) to transfer control of Eastern, BRT, NTI, and UWI to Network; authorized transfer of control of BRT, Eastern, NTI and UWI to Network. Action by Chief, Telecommunications Division. Adopted: December 23, 1996. by MO&O and Auth. (DA No. 97-2698). IB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1997/da972698.txt>

**ADDENDA: The following items, released December 24, 1997, did not appear in Digest No. 247:**

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### NEWS RELEASES

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COMMON CARRIER ACTION - COMMISSION DENIES BELL SOUTH'S APPLICATION TO PROVIDE LONG DISTANCE SERVICES IN SOUTH CAROLINA; CITES BELL SOUTH'S 911 AND TELEMARKETING SCRIPT AS COMPLYING WITH ACT. The Commission denied the application of BellSouth to provide long distance services originating in South Carolina. Action by the Commission December 24, 1997, by Memorandum Opinion and Order (FCC 97-418). Report No: CC 97-60. News Media Contact: Rochelle Cohen (202) 418-0253. CCB Contact: Michael Pryor at (202) 418-1580. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/News\\_Releases/1997/nrcc7084.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1997/nrcc7084.html)

"COMMON CARRIER SCORECARD REPORT RELEASED ON-LINE. Scorecard can be found at [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Reports/score\\_card\\_97.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Reports/score_card_97.html). News Media Contact: Rochelle Cohen (202) 418-0253. CCB Contact: Enforcement Division: Kathie A. Kneff at (202) 418-0700; Industry Analysis Division: Craig Stroup at (202) 418-0940; Consumer Protection Branch: Brian J. Benison at (202) 418-2800." Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/News\\_Releases/1997/nrcc7083.html](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1997/nrcc7083.html)

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COMMON CARRIER SCORECARD. Highlights three highest categories of telephone-related consumer complaints and inquiries processed by Common Carrier Bureau's Enforcement Division during most recent

reporting period; reports telephone-related complaint trends; and includes an overview of how companies performed individually and as a group. CCB

PART 68 WAIVER REQUESTS. Granted Aastra Technologies, Inc.'s, Cybiotronics, Ltd.'s, Matsushita Electric Corporation of America's, and Northern Telecom, Inc.'s requests for waiver of Section 68.312(K) of the Commission's Rules so that they may register, under Part 68 of the Commission's Rules, devices that detect the presence of a stutter dial tone. Action by Chief, Network Services Division. Adopted: December 23, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-2706). CCB Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Orders/1997/da972706.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1997/da972706.txt)

NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. Approved in part and denied in part the National Exchange Carrier Association's (NECA) proposed further modifications to the average schedule formulas; affirmed Commission's decision directing NECA to modify the Common Line formula. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: December 24, 1997. by Order on Recon. & O. (DA No. 97-2710). CCB Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Orders/1997/da972710.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1997/da972710.txt)

#### PETITIONS FOR WAIVER OF THE FOUR-DIGIT CARRIER IDENTIFICATION CODE

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE. Granted petitions of the following telephone companies and cooperatives: Roosevelt, West Texas, Ruthven, Indianhead, Tatum, Haxtun, Albion, Miller, Schaller, ENMR, Roome, Northwestern, each Iowa LEC (Breda, Coon Valley, Defiance, Hawkeye, Jordan-Soldier, Lehigh Valley, Lone Rock, Manilla, Norway, Prairie, and Radcliffe), Vitelco, and Hillsboro for waiver of the Carrier Identification Codes (CIC) Second Report and Order's January 1, 1998 conversion deadline, extending for them the switch conversion deadline for four-digit CIC capability for the time periods requested. Imposed certain requirements on Hillsboro, for whom Commission' granted an extension beyond June 30, 1998, the end of the permissive dialing period. Action by Chief, Network Services Division. Adopted: December 23, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-2691). CCB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Orders/1997/da972691.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1997/da972691.txt)

APPLICATION OF BELL SOUTH CORPORATION, ET AL. TO PROVIDE IN-REGION, INTERLATA SERVICES IN SOUTH CAROLINA. Denied application of BellSouth to provide long distance services originating in the State of South Carolina. Dkt No.: CC- 97-208. Action by the Commission. Adopted: December 24, 1997. by MO&O. (FCC No. 97-418). CCB Internet URL:

[https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Orders/1997/fcc97418.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1997/fcc97418.txt)

ALIAN T COMMUNICATIONS CO. PETITION FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 32.27(C) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES. Denied Aliant Communications Co.'s (formerly Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company) petition for waiver of Section 32.27(c) of the Commission's Rules to record the transfer of cellular and paging assets from Aliant to an affiliated company at net book cost, rather than at fair market value. Action by Chief, Accounting and Audits Division. Adopted: December 24, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-2708). CCB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Orders/1997/da972708.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1997/da972708.txt)

CLOSED CAPTIONING OF VIDEO PROGRAMMING. Order in MM Docket No. 95-176. Denied a request for stay of the rules requiring the closed captioning of video programming. Dkt No.: MM- 95-176. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: December 23, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-2701). CSB Internet URL:

<https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1997/da972701.txt>

FOUCE AMUSEMENT ENTERPRISES AND LIBERMAN BROADCASTING, INC. Granted application of Fouce Amusement Enterprises, licensee of Station KRCA(TV), Channel 62 (IND), Riverside, California, and Liberman Broadcasting, Inc. to transfer control of Station KRCA(TV) from the shareholders of Fouce to Liberman, licensee of KBUE(FM), Long Beach, California and KWIZ(AM)/KWIZ-FM, Santa Ana, California; granted, to the extent indicated and subject to the outcome of the Commission's pending broadcast ownership rulemaking, Commission's one-to-a-market rule; denied request for permanent waiver of the Commission's one-to-a-market rule, Section 73.3555(c), to permit common ownership of stations KRCA(TV), KBUE(FM), and KWIZ(AM)/KWIZ-FM. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: December 24, 1997. by MO&O. (DA No. 97-2655). MMB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Orders/1997/da972655.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1997/da972655.txt)

CAROLINA PCS I LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 24.711(A)(2) OF COMMISSION'S RULES. Granted Carolina PCS I Limited Partnership's (CPCSI) Application for Review of a Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's Order denying CPCSI's Petition for waiver of the Commission's down payment rule; concluded that CPCSI is entitled to a partial waiver of Section 24.711(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules. Action by the Commission. Adopted: December 22, 1997. by MO&O. (FCC No. 97-417). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1997/fcc97417.txt>

AMENDMENT OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES REGARDING INSTALLMENT PAYMENT FINANCING FOR PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES LICENSEES. Denied motion filed by Antigone Communications Limited Partnership and PCS Devco, Inc. for an extension of the December 29, 1997 deadline to file oppositions to the petitions for reconsideration of the Second Report and Order and FNPRN, WT Docket No. 97-82, FCC 97-342 (released October 16, 1997) establishing March 31, 1998 as the deadline for broadband PCS C and F block licensees to resume installment payments and offering C block licensees a choice of three alternative licensing options in lieu of resuming payments under their original payment plan. Dkt No.: WT- 97-82. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: December 24, 1997. by Order. (DA No. 97-2707). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1997/da972707.txt>